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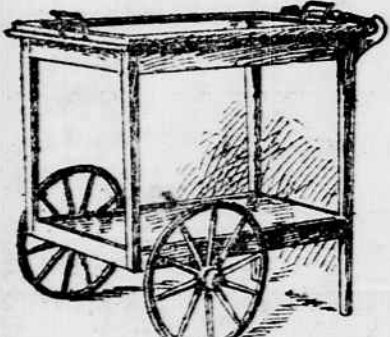
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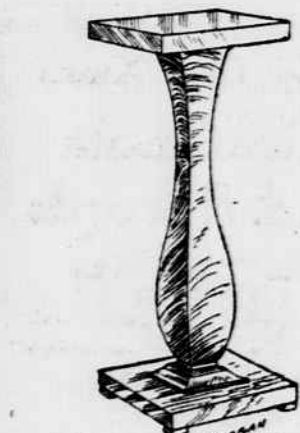
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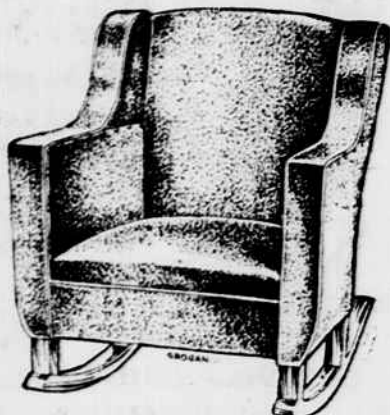
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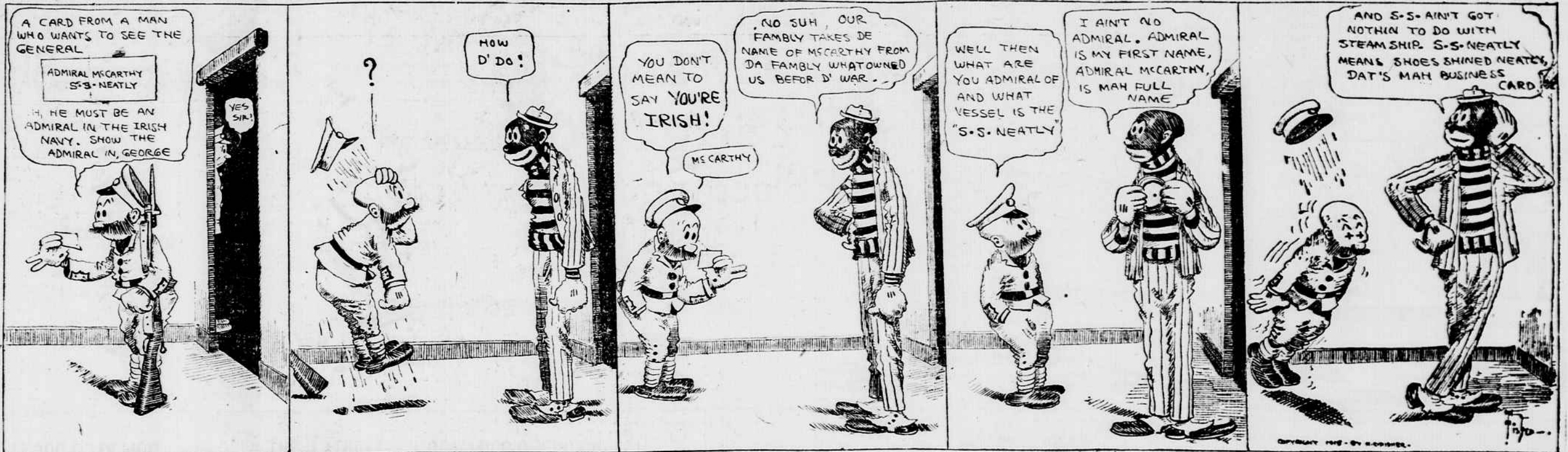
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\$11,333,308.97 DEFICIT IN P. O. DEPARTMENT

Shift From Credit to Debit Side of Ledger Is Blamed on the European War.

Growth of Postal Savings System Is Largest in Its History, 525,414 Making Deposits.

From "actual postal surpluses of \$3,800,000 for the fiscal year of 1913, and \$2,500,000 for 1914," the report of A. M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, and the financial officer of the Post Office Department, states, backlogs, attributed to the war in Europe, result in a postal deficit of \$11,333,308.97 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.

"A veritable slump occurred in August, 1914, the first month of the war," the report states, "and sharp declines in receipts followed monthly until (last) November, when they reached the point of lowest depression. Then the tide turned. Postage was regained and business began to adjust itself to existing conditions. Postal receipts (which Mr. Dockery states are the unerring thermometer of business conditions and the barometer for coming events) responded quickly, and have been climbing up ever since in step with increasing prosperity and commercial activity throughout the country."

Receipts Fall Off Slightly.
The receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, amounted to \$38,248,165.27, or about one-quarter of 1 per cent less than for the preceding year. The expenditures were \$28,846,626.42, in addition to \$35,447.82 for losses due to fires, burglaries, etc.
The growth of the postal savings system for the year is shown to have been the largest in its history, both in number of depositors and amount deposited. At June 30, 1915, there were 525,414 depositors, having to their credit \$65,684,704, an increase of about 137,000 individual depositors and over \$22,000,000 in deposits. Depositors born outside of the United States own just over 72 per cent of all the deposits. Approximately 30,000 depositors have five-hundred-dollar accounts, and under the law as it now stands no more can be accepted from them. Of this number, more than 22,000 are foreign born.

The Money Order Service.
"The money order service felt the demoralizing effects of the war," the report states, "along with the general postal receipts, and the international business necessarily continues to suffer. The domestic money order business, however, responded quickly to improving conditions until the quarter ended June 30, 1915, showed a substantial increase over the corresponding period in 1914. There were 108,127,868 money orders issued during the year for \$16,911,208.46."

"Payment of domestic money orders at any money order office in the United States, irrespective of the office on which drawn—a procedure installed July 1, 1914—is shown to have been highly approved by the public and to have contributed materially to the usefulness of the system."
"Nearly 55,000,000 pieces of mail were registered, insured or sent 'collect on delivery' during the year, a marked increase over the preceding year. More than 18,000,000 parcels were insured, in addition to about 5,000,000 packages that were sent 'collect on delivery,' which automatically includes insurance, a gain of 35 per cent over 1914."

WOULD DEPEND ON JUSTICE.

More Adequate Than Battleships, Says Johns Hopkins Man.

The efficacy of justice was spoken of as a more adequate defense than one that calls for battleships and coast fortifications, by Elbert Russell of Johns Hopkins University in an address last evening on "Instead of War" at the First Congregational Church. The lecture was under the auspices of the Washington Peace Society, a branch of the American Peace Society.
The lecturer urged that this country call for volunteers to go to Mexico to teach self-government and that in case of a probable uprising of Boxers in China, which would endanger United States citizens there, missionaries and teachers should be sent to that country. He said that from time immemorial the lives of women and children were safe until man undertook to protect them by force of arms.

PLANS FOR "CROSS RITE" DAY.
Boy Scouts to Aid in Insuring Safety in Crossing Streets.

The local Boy Scout organization is planning to hold a "cross rite" day in the near future. On "cross rite" day the attention of the public is called to the importance of exercising care in crossing streets in order to avoid accidents. Maj. Pullman has given the plan his endorsement; the traffic police probably will co-operate in the plan. "Cross rite" day probably will be held during Christmas holidays.
"Walk rite" days have been tried in other parts of the country and have had a potent effect in cutting down the number of traffic accidents. It is usually arranged that three scouts take their staffs and march down the main signal from the policeman in the center of the intersection they hold their staffs in front of them, and upon signal from that direction until the whistle again sounds. Then they wheel and stop pedestrians from passing across the other street.

TO OPEN THE Q STREET BRIDGE CHRISTMAS DAY

Pennsylvania Avenue Span Over Rock Creek Not to Be Ready for Several Weeks, However.

Christmas day tentatively has been selected for the opening of the new concrete bridge spanning Rock Creek connecting Q street in Washington with Q street in Georgetown. The work of laying the concrete sidewalks along the approaches is expected to be finished today, but it will be the latter part of the week before the walks can be thrown open to pedestrian traffic.
This week also will witness the completion of another bridge, the Pennsylvania avenue structure spanning Rock Creek. According to D. E. McComb, engineer of bridges, it is unlikely that this bridge will be thrown open to traffic until after the tracks of the Capital Traction Company have been laid across it. The law which assesses the street railway company with one-third the cost of the construction of this bridge gives it three months in which to utilize the bridge in its traffic business. This structure has a fifty-foot roadway and two ten-foot sidewalks, but it probably will be several weeks before it will be placed at the convenience of the public.

WOMEN AMONG APPLICANTS.

Four of the Sex Are Examined for Admission to Bar.

Four women were among the 137 applicants who took the examination for admission to the bar of the District of Columbia Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
The examinations were given in the Georgetown University Law School and were conducted by the committee of examiners of the bar of the District of Columbia. It was stated today that the results of the examinations will be announced within the next three weeks.

The committee consists of William Henry Dennis, chairman; Irving Williamson, Daniel W. Baker, Walter C. Clephane, John E. Laskey, John Paul Ernest, Hayden Johnson and Ralph Green, secretary. Mr. Johnson has recently been appointed to the committee, having taken the place caused by the death of Edward H. Thomas.

COMMISSIONERS GOVERN 81 LARGE CITIES IN U. S.

Interesting Facts Concerning American Municipalities Shown by Report of Census Bureau.

Municipal government in cities of the United States over 20,000 in population is the subject of a report which was made public today by the census bureau.
The report shows that the commission form of government is growing in popularity among the cities of the United States; that out of the 204 cities over 20,000 in population, eighty-one have adopted this form of government. New Orleans is the largest city now having the commission form of government, with 265,000 people; Washington, D. C., is second, with about 250,000; Portland, Ore., is third, with 220,000; and Denver, Colo., is fourth with 250,000. However, Buffalo, N. Y., whose population is about 450,000, has voted to establish the commission form of government beginning January 1, 1916.

Size of the Commissions.
In these cities the commissions range in size from three to seven members. Those in St. Paul and Omaha have seven members each; those in San Diego, Cal., and Fort Worth, Tex., six each, and that in Huntington, W. Va., four. All the other commissions are composed of either three or five members, the great majority having five. The salaries paid municipal commissioners range from \$500 a year in Jackson, Mich., and Springfield, Ohio, to \$7,000 a year in Birmingham, Ala., and their terms of office vary from one to four years.

Dayton, Ohio, has a commission of five members, which decides matters of general policy, and a "city manager," appointed by the commission, who looks after the administrative work. The presiding officer of the commission receives \$1,500 per annum, the other members \$1,200, and the city manager \$12,500.

Salaries of the Mayors.
The larger cities still cling to the older form of government by mayor and council. In all, 123 cities of over 20,000 including all having more than 400,000 in-

habitants, are governed in this manner. The mayors' salaries range from \$100 per annum in Flint, Mich., to \$15,000 in New York city, and their terms of office from one to four years.

A total of 21,045 police officers, patrolmen, detectives and civilian employees are engaged in the work of maintaining peace and order in the 204 cities. Of this total, 5,586 are officers exclusive of detectives, 24,329 are patrolmen, 2,303 are detectives and 4,915 are civilian employees. Of the patrolmen, 31,294 are mounted on horse and 10,035 are on bicycles, 708 on motor cycles and 514 on bicycles. Park policemen number 248, and policemen detailed at municipal buildings and courts, 299.

Forces of Mounted Police.

New York has 526 mounted policemen, Philadelphia 435 and Chicago 186. No other city except Washington has as many as 100. In New York city 135 of the mounted police ride bicycles, but Chicago and Philadelphia rely entirely on the horse and the motor cycle. Washington, D. C., has sixty-one bicycle policemen—far more than any other city except New York and its total number of mounted policemen, 191, is greater than that of any other city in the United States.

The highest paid patrolmen are those of San Francisco, who are ungraded and receive \$1.44 per annum, and the lowest paid—disregarding those in the lower grades in a few cities—are in Williamsport, Pa., where patrolmen are ungraded and receive \$758 per annum.

Policewomen in 26 Cities.

Policewomen are employed in twenty-six cities.
Municipal prohibition prevails in fifteen cities, state prohibition in seventeen and county and parish prohibition in three. In fifteen cities certain saloons are licensed to sell malt liquors.

Of the 204 cities of over 20,000, 155 have municipally owned water-supply systems, the total estimated value of which is \$1,071,000,000. Municipal ownership in this field has been in force in Philadelphia, which built its plant in 1891 and has operated it continuously since that time, for a longer period than in any other city.

Federation Indorses Movement.

The National Workmen's Committee on Jewish Rights, with headquarters in New York city, has just received a letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, informing the committee of the action recently taken by the federation urging that when steps are made to bring about peace in Europe both the civil and political rights of the Jewish people should receive attention. The resolutions urged upon the governments of other countries to cease discriminations wherever they exist. It is also explained that similar resolutions have been adopted in Great Britain.

TO REPEAT PROGRAM.

Fifth Baptist Choir Requested to Give Christmas Music Again.

Members of the choir of the Fifth Baptist Church last evening gave an elaborate program of Christmas music under the direction of William Palmer, the director. So impressed were mem-

bers of the church with the presentation of the music that a special request was made whereby the choir will repeat the program next Sunday evening. All participants were attired in white and the women singers wore wings on their robes, representing the chorus of angels. Spotlights and footlights were used in obtaining color effects. A life-sized painting of the birth of Christ was exhibited. It is the work of

Mrs. Virgie Thompson, one of the singers.

To Celebrate Feast of St. Thomas.
Services commemorating the feast of St. Thomas are to be held tomorrow by Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Church, Washington Heights. Holy communion is to be celebrated at 11 o'clock.

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In order to correct an erroneous impression which has been circulated to the effect that there is no further need for benevolent relief in Belgium, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT bearing date December 7, 1915, has been issued by the COMMISSION FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM declaring that

"THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER"

The same Official Statement warmly welcomes the co-operation of the DOLLAR CHRISTMAS FUND. Other victims of war in many lands also claim your help, but

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